

## **Late Summer & Early Fall Things To Do in the Pioneer Valley**

**Fall 2021 As of August 24<sup>th</sup>, all listed programs & events are happening**

Some favorite place CICS grad students like in downtown Amherst

- Amherst Coffee- coffeehouse that is open late
- Miss Saigon Restaurant
- LimeRed Tea House
- Vivi Bubble Tea
- Moge Tea
- Crazy Noodles- very affordable lunch specials
- Black Sheep Deli- fabulous sandwiches, salads, and baked goods
- Antonio's Pizza- has tons of very interesting and unique pizza toppings
- Bueno Y Sano- has been featured on Food Network's Best Thing I Ever Ate TV show
- IYA Sushi- check out their ramen!

### **Labor Day weekend- September 4-6- Three Country Fair**

- <https://www.3countyfair.com/>
- Right down the street from UMass is a large fair & festival!
- There are rides, live music, farm animals, craft beers, fair food (corn dog, funnel cake, fried Oreos, French fries, and more!

### **September 18<sup>th</sup>- One Roof Festival and Concerts, Northampton**

<https://onerooffestival.org/lineup/> If you volunteer you are given FREE tickets to the event!

### **The Big E! HUGE fair and festival for all of New England**

- <https://www.thebige.com/>
- Get DISCOUNTED tickets at Big Y for \$12.00- can be used ANY day of the fair
- Tons of rides, games, presentations, food, drink, fun, parades, butter sculptures, animal presentations
- The Big E is like a GIANT state fair- it is really quite an experience.
- Live music- Machine Gun Kelly, Jesse McCartney, Flo Rida, Foghat, Hoobstank, Daryl from Run DMC, Goo Goo Dolls,
  - Music details- <https://www.thebige.com/p/entertainment/concerts>

### **Visit the TEN Museums in the Pioneer Valley- <https://museums10.org/get-to-know/>**

- Beneski Natural History Museum
  - See a full Woolly Mammoth skeleton!
- Emily Dickinson Museum
  - Visit the home of the poet- maintained in immaculate condition
- Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art
  - Eric Carle wrote & illustrated the Hungry Hungry Caterpillar books
  - Has AMAZING art from childrens' books and great ID photo ops

### **Mini Golf in Hadley, right on RT 9**

<https://wmassfamilygolf.com/mini-golf/>

### **Mini Golf in South Hadley**

<http://mccrays-farm.com/mini-golf/>

## Take a Hike!

- 10 best summer hikes in Western Mass from MassLive.com
  - <https://www.masslive.com/entertainment/2016/07/best-summer-hikes-in-western-m.html>
- Hike up Mount Tom--<https://www.mass.gov/doc/mt-tom-state-reservation-trail-map/download>
- Hike up Mount Sugarloaf --[mass.gov/locations/mount-sugarloaf-state-reservation](https://www.mass.gov/locations/mount-sugarloaf-state-reservation)
- Hike Mount Toby-- <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/massachusetts/mount-toby-trail>
- Hiking trails that are PVRTA accessible (PVRTA- the public bus system in the Amherst area)
  - Robert Frost Trail, Amherst- <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/massachusetts/robert-frost-trail-to-mount-orient>
  - Mount Toby trail in Sunderland- <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/massachusetts/mount-toby-trail>
  - Mount Tom trails, between Easthampton and Holyoke, <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/massachusetts/mount-tom>
  - Rattlesnake Knob Hike, right near Atkins Farms, Part of the Mount Holyoke Range, <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/massachusetts/rattlesnake-knob>
  - Mount Holyoke Range State Park- <https://www.mass.gov/locations/mount-holyoke-range-state-park>

## Check Out Local Wineries

- Mineral Hills Winery, Northampton
  - They have cheese trays for order with their wine
  - <https://mineralhillswinery.com/>
- Glendale Winery, Southampton
  - Currently hosting picnics in their vineyard
  - <https://www.glendaleridgevineyard.com/tailgate-picnics/>
- Black Birch Vineyard, Hatfield
  - Currently hosting picnics in their vineyard
  - <https://www.blackbirchvineyard.com/>

## Rent a bike

- Rent a bike for the semester from Laughing Dog Bikes in Amherst
  - <https://worldsbestbikeshop.com/>
- Rent a bike for a few hours or a day via Valley Bike Share
  - <https://www.valleybike.org/>
  - They have a \$60 YEARLY membership for Students!!
    - <https://www.valleybike.org/pricing>

## Check out local Breweries

- Progression Brewery, Northampton
  - Has outdoor beer garden, board games, shuffleboard
  - Has small food menu
  - <https://progressionbrewing.com/>
- Northampton Brewery, Northampton
  - Has AMAZING, huge outdoor deck
  - Full menu
  - <http://northamptonbrewery.com/>
- Artifact Cider Project, Northampton
  - Has small food menu
  - <https://www.artifactcider.com/taproom>
- Fort Hill Brewery, Easthampton
  - Has large outdoor deck- great view of Mount Tom

- No food, but can bring in any food you want!
- <https://www.forthillbrewery.com/>
- New City Brewing, Easthampton
  - Has a very interesting & tasty alcoholic ginger beer, it is very good and unique!
  - Has cute outdoor patio with lights, open days and nights
  - No food, but can bring in any food you want! They sometimes have food trucks there
  - <https://www.newcitybrewery.com/>
- Abandoned Building Brewery, Easthampton
  - Built a new large outdoor beer garden
  - Does not have food, but frequently hosts food trucks on the weekends
  - <https://www.abandonedbuildingbrewery.com/>

### **Walk or Bike the Norwottuck Rail Trail**

- <https://www.mass.gov/locations/norwottuck-rail-trail>
- Connects Northampton and Amherst via paved walking trail
- Goes over the Connecticut River via old railroad bridges, beautiful for walk

### **Try all the Ice Cream & Dairy-free frozen treats in the Pioneer Valley**

- Herrell's Ice Cream, Northampton
- Atkins Ice Cream Shop, Amherst
- Bart's Ice Cream, Amherst
- Mount Tom Ice Cream, Easthampton
- Flayvor's of Cook Farm, Hadley
- Cindy's Drive-In, Granby <http://www.cindysdrivein.com/> over 100 flavors of soft-serve!!!
  - Has *tons* of vegan soft-serve options
- Hadley Scoop at the Silos, Hadley
  - Check their FB page, as they do FREE ICE CREAM for ppl with specific names every day!

### **Go Bowling in Northampton**

<http://www.sparetimeentertainment.com/northampton/>

**Amherst Farmer's Market-** Saturdays from 7:30am-1:30pm- runs until late October

- <http://www.amherstfarmersmarket.com/>

**Northampton Tuesday Farmers Market-** Every Tuesday from 1:30-6:30pm- runs until late October

- <https://www.growfoodnorthampton.com/tuesday-market/>

### **Check out local swimming holes**

- Puffer's Pond in Amherst
  - <https://www.amherstma.gov/1316/Puffers-Pond>
- Green River Swimming Area- Greenfield
  - <http://www.greenfieldrecreation.com/greenriver.html>
- Tri-Town Beach- close to Sunderland
  - <https://www.deerfieldma.us/tri-town-beach-commission/news/tri-town-beach-information>
- Go to Lake Wyola for a day- State Park with great swimming and natura walks
  - <https://www.mass.gov/locations/lake-wyola-state-park>
  - This is a favorite place of Rachel Maddow

### **Montague Book Mill- "Books You Do Not Need In A Place You Cannot Find"**

- Beautiful book store, coffee shop, and restaurant on a river about 20 mins away from Umass

- <https://montaguebookmill.com/>

**Drive-In Move Theatre, Northfield, MA**

- <https://www.facebook.com/northfelddrivein> & <https://www.northfelddrivein.com/>
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday, see movies under the stars! Bring snacks, blankets, and picnics
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Visit Smith College, Mount Holyoke, Hampshire College, and Amherst College and walk around campus. All the campuses have beautiful landscapes and older gothic buildings- great for the Instagram. Plus they are all accessible via PVTA bus. Smith has an outdoor botanical garden, and it is FREE and so beautiful!!